

REMARKS

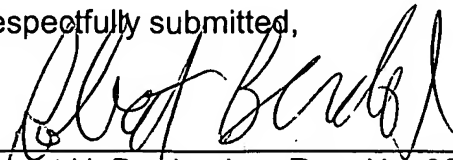
This Amendment is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination in order to correct an error noted within allowed claim 1. In particular, upon review, it was noted that the external terminals were not directly connected to the electrode pads. That is, and as best shown in Figure 2, the external terminals 47 are separated from the electrode pads 34 by various features, so that these two features are actually indirectly connected. As such, claim 1 has been amended to eliminate the recitation that these features are directly connected, and has further been amended to recite the various direct connections of the features therebetween. It is submitted that the claims nevertheless, are still patentably distinguishable over the cited references for the reasons presented within the last Amendment. It is requested that this Amendment be entered, and that this Application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Should the remittance be accidentally missing or insufficient, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and advise us accordingly.

December 8, 2006
Date

Respectfully submitted,



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